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The National Telephone Matter.

Elsewhere will be found a communication concerning the action of the council committee on ordinances, in recommending the passage of a franchise for the National Telephone Company, over the protest of the city solicitor, and without regard to the proposition of the Home Telephone Company, the legal representative of which organization declaring it would accept the reasonable recommendations of the solicitor.

The lack of proper provisions in the National ordinance has caused considerable adverse comment among the property holders and citizens generally, and there is no question whatever about the unpopularity of the action of the committee in not only ignoring the important recommendations of the city attorney, but in discriminating against home capital and in favor of the foreign company.

The neglect to compel the National company to comply with the requirements that were voluntarily assumed by the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company, or to demand a guarantee of bona fide capital, and equally as good service, is the subject of much dissatisfaction. Particularly is this true of the refusal to require underground wires, which system is one of the benefits conferred by the present company in operation.

It is sincerely hoped that, when the matter comes before council, these objections will be most carefully considered, before any action is taken. A hasty ratification of the ordinance would, under the circumstances as they exist, hardly be tolerated by the public.

A Truthful Maine Historian.

The Lewiston, Maine, Journal gives a whole chapter of history in a few brief sentences which will be appreciated by thoughtful citizens. The Journal remarks that the idea is now pretty thoroughly imbedded in the popular mind that "calamity howlers increase calamity;" that the mere fault finder is having an easy but a silly job; that quacks in politics are the great nuisances of politics, and that, to find out who are the quacks, we have but to cite those who ran us into the fifty cent dollar panic of 1893 and into the Democratic tariff of 1894, and to contrast what has happened since 1895 with what happened between 1892 and 1896, and what is going on today. "This," says the Journal, "is not declamation; it is history."

Business men, manufacturers, employees in the mills and factories, farmers, and men and women in pretty near all walks of life in this country, have but to have their minds run back over this history to impress themselves with the truth that is contained in it. During this period of various conditions whatever has been bad has been due to the agitators of new and flimsy issues and pessimistic forebodings; whatever has been good has come through the defeat of the agitators and the pessimists.

There is no record whatever of the calamity howlers having benefitted any sort of situation; there is abundance of record that they have always made matters worse. The people know it, because they have been the sufferers and the beneficiaries of the bad and the good conditions. The Maine newspaper isn't located in the centre of the commercial and industrial world of the United States, but it is in a position where it can view it conservatively and fairly, and can draw the picture without coloring it too highly and without bias.

A Result of Mediation.

The practical settlement of the Cleveland street railway strike, which, during its comparatively short life, was very disastrous in many ways, just as a similar strike has been in Wheeling—costing the company \$75,000, the loss of \$25,000 in wages to the men, and hundreds of thousands of dollars to the business of the city—is due largely to the work of a special committee of the city council. It was in the nature of mediation, the committee bringing the company officers and the executive committee of the strikers together, and presenting an agreement that satisfied both. The issue was similar to that in Wheeling, in some respects. The agreement provides for the hearing of grievances and a resort to arbitration in the case of the men and company failing to agree, and the reinstatement of eighty per cent of the men, the remainder, except those who have been guilty of violence, who are discharged, being placed on the waiting list.

In Cleveland the wage question did not seem to cut much of a figure in the strike. Other issues were involved, but they were sufficient to create a very

serious situation, one which caused the heavy losses mentioned above. It is fortunate that the men who composed the council committee were able to formulate a plan that, in the interests of the city and the people, could be agreed upon by the contending principals in the strike. It will be noted that disinterested parties brought about the agreement; that they were representatives of the community in the legislative body of the city. They dealt directly with the strikers and the company officials and brought them together in conference. There were no agitators present who had no direct personal interest. Only the parties concerned directly in the issue met under the auspices of the council mediators.

Whatever lesson there is to be learned in this is manifest on its face. The outlook in Wheeling has been somewhat changed by recent developments, but if the end of the strain which now prevails does not come soon, perhaps the elimination of factors that have promoted the boycott that has been so disastrous, may lead to a more conservative feeling that would bring about a similar result to that which Cleveland has just experienced. Relief in some form is wanted by everybody—by the business interests, by the railway company, by the workmen—by every class and condition, all of whose welfare are mutual and should be cooperative.

A Convict as a Reformer.

The Ohio Penitentiary News is published at the state prison at Columbus, and is ably contributed to by the convicts of the intelligent class. It is one of the Intelligencer's valued exchanges. Some of these criminals are writing some very logical articles on the various phases of crime, and the remedies therefor, the cost of criminals, prison reforms, and the current issue contains three poems contributed by as many convicts, two of them showing rare genius and refined sentiment, one poem being called "Memory's Hour," and the other is a beautiful tribute to flowers and the lessons they teach.

An editorial signed by "Convict No. 30433" is somewhat unique, not altogether without reason, and suggests a method for the reforming of criminals. It is addressed to "Mr. Citizen," and, after stating the advantage he has had for long observation, as a convict, the author summarizes his suggestions under three heads. Coming from such a source, the suggestions are of decided interest and worthy of quoting:

First, gather your friends together, point out to them the inefficient system of government, then organize yourselves into a body of reformers, and take an oath that you will never support a candidate for any office unless he pledges himself to use his power of office and influence to the manufacture of all intoxicants, and that he will drive the saloons from the face of the earth.

Secondly, appoint committees and sub-committees to go into the homes of those who allow their children to roam the streets at will for no other purpose save making mischief, and talk to them of the dangers that lurk in the pathway of these lawless wanderers. In this way you may be the means of saving many souls from a life of crime, and

Thirdly, see to it that those who have fallen into crime be reformed and that speedily. There are two ways to do this, as there are two classes of criminals, and the best way to begin is to repeal your present criminal code and make a law to the effect that all cases of larceny shall be punished by a term of three months. If kind treatment will reform a man, three months is long enough to do it in, and the world will be benefitted by such reformation.

If, after being discharged, the person so treated falls back into crime, send him to prison for three months, but make his stay there so hot that before his time expires he will wish that he had never been born. In a few years third, fourth, fifth and sixth terms will not be seen.

In short, give a man a chance; then if he will not reform, reform him. These are the only two ways to reform the two classes mentioned, and if you and your constituents will adopt this method society will soon be freed from those who make their livings at the expense of their brothers.

It may not be hard to see, from the expressions in the first and second paragraphs, that Convict No. 30433 (which number is his place in the list from the date of the institution of the prison, and does not indicate the number at present confined), is recalling the beginning of his own career.

The second paragraph may be justly regarded as a warning from the tomb to parents in large towns and cities. The evil referred to is prevalent, and in Wheeling, much as we regret to admit, it is alarmingly so, as in other cities where the curfew law is not in force.

Archbishop Ireland and Paris Royalists.

Archbishop Ireland has been openly insulted in Paris by the royalists, and an indignity has been put upon him because of his patriotic republican addresses delivered there since his arrival. Students in colleges had invited him to deliver the annual oration at their closing exercises, and immediately the royalist and imperialist papers opened fire upon him on account of his former addresses, impressing upon the Frenchmen the beauties of American republicanism, as contrasted with the republicanism of France. Scourful attacks were indulged in by the Bonapartist organs, and the invitations from the students had to be withdrawn.

The opposition to the republic (the royalists and the Bonapartists) feared that the address of the American prelate would weaken their opposition to the republican government, by the impression it would make on the sons of the aristocrats among the students. To the credit of the President of France, Loubet, who is himself an intense republican, and came up from the peasant life, be it said, that he desired the archbishop to remain in Paris, but the weight of the assaults made upon him may require him to leave the city.

Two-and-a-quarter inches of rainfall from Saturday forenoon until Sunday morning gave Wheeling and vicinity a copious bath. It has had but few precedents recently. It cooled the atmosphere and was refreshing, but following will come a renewal of the heat and the burning sunshine. In the farming communities there was danger for the ripening wheat, and in the headquarters of the Elks there was some nervousness, lest it might portend a series of storms that would interfere with the coming events. However, all is well that ends well.

Independence Day will be more extensively celebrated this year than for years. There has been so much added to the Nation's history since the Fourth of last year that there is likely to be greater and more patriotic tributes to Old Glory than might have been expected at that time. Wheeling ought to get into line. Even if there is no organized celebration, let the flag of the free

float over all the homes of the brave and testify to the national unity and loyalty.

The Kentucky Democrats are having a regular monkey and parrot time. The state convention is in a bad state of deadlock, and matters are so badly mixed that it will require heroic efforts to avert an open rupture. When Kentucky Democrats don their war-paint and go after each other it affords a great deal of amusement to the audience outside of the arena, but it is not at all a lovely outlook for the participants.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A fast man is generally slow pay. Carrying a title is the dream of many an idler.

Some people can't even tell the truth without exaggerating.

There are diseases galore, yet every death is due to heart failure.

He is the best poet who constructs the finest castle in the air.

A homely man always consoles himself with the belief that he is smart.

It's always the man with the short end of it who advocates equality.

The only way to pick a winner is by his hilarity after the race.

If marriage makes one of two it must be a continuation of single blessedness.

Every dollar lost in playing the races is a dollar found by those who work them.

It may never be too late to mend, but a wise mother begins early on her small boy's trousers.

The earlier the bird catches the worm the longer he has to wait for his noon-day lunch.

Love may be blind, but it dictates a lot of fool letters that sooner or later get the writers into trouble.

It's always difficult for a young man to understand why any other young man should fall in love with his sister.

Judging from what we read and hear, water is only used in Milwaukee for the purpose of putting out fires and sprinkling the streets.—Chicago Daily News.

OUT OF MOUTHS OF BABES.

Human nature crops rather early in the youth of the present age. "Tommy," asked a mother of her three-year-old son, "what would you do if I gave you a nice orange?"

"I'd wish you'd give me another," replied Tommy.

Little Alice had been delegated to rock the baby to sleep. By and by her mother came in and found her still awake.

"Why, Alice," she said, "isn't your little brother asleep yet?"

"No mamma," was the reply. "I can't make him keep his eyes buttoned."

"Harry," said the teacher to a small pupil, "you were not present yesterday. Were you detained at home in consequence of the weather?"

"No ma'am," replied Harry. "My mother wouldn't let me come 'cause it rained."

Little four-year-old Clara had behaved very badly while her mother was entertaining a caller, and as the latter was about to depart Clara said: "Please Mr. Brown, don't go away yet."

"Why, Clara," said Mrs. Brown, "I had no idea you were so fond of me."

"Oh, it isn't that," was the frank reply, "but mamma said I was to be whipped as soon as you went away."

Sunday School Teacher—Who was the wisest man, Johnny?

Johnny—Solomon.

Teacher—That's right. Now, Willie, who was the strongest man?

Johnny—Jonah.

Teacher—Wrong. But what reason have you for believing Jonah was the strongest man?

Willie—"Cause the whale couldn't hold him after it got him down."

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

A bad man can be just as foolish over a good woman as a good woman over a bad man.

The more men that are devoted to the right sort of married women the better for manhood.

The biggest bully is as afraid of a woman as any other man, only he shouts so loud nobody knows it.

No matter how good a woman thinks a man is she couldn't believe it if she didn't think the devil was in him somewhere.

The reason we so seldom take off the masks we habitually wear is that when we do and get a look at our real selves in the glass it startles us most as much as our friends.

Charity begins at home, and it ends at the back door.

Because marriage comes of love, love doesn't come of marriage.

There are few of us who are not brave enough to bear up under the misfortunes of others.

A man seldom fails to do a good deed for another if he sees more in it for himself than for the other.

What a woman can't understand is how she understands to make a fool of a man without understanding why.—New York Press.

Otherwise Engaged.

I'd like to stop an' tell them folks in France jes' what to do.

To put 'em in the proper track an' see 'em safely through.

I hate to seem so selfish when an hour or two of talk

Would show 'em beyond question jes' the path they ought to walk.

But that colt o' mine needs breakin' an' there's fencin' to be made.

At the mercery is 'a' taken 'em.

Trips to ninety in the shade.

So, Loubet, I've got to leave you; you must buy your plans alone.

I am sorry if I grieve you, no But I've troubles of my own.

I'd like to speak an' so prevent all points from bein' vague.

When they sum up their conclusions in the month at the Hague.

I'd like to show what must be done—some time perhaps I shall—

In Europe an' in Asia an' likewise in the Transvaal.

But the willin' leaves are limber; in the field there's work to do.

I've got to cut some time for So's to build a shed or two.

You'll excuse me for desertin' All the worries of a throne.

I could fix things right for certain, But I've troubles of my own.

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Little Nell—What does the organist at our church have a lookin' glass over his head on the organ for? Little Dick I 'speak that's so he can tell the choir when the preacher is lookin'—Tilt-Bits.

Consideration Pro and Con.—He vants dot I shall hope. Her Father—Vell, I don't know; it would save der expense of der wedding; but, on der odder hand, you wouldn't get mooch wedding presents.—Puck.

Novel to Some—Miss Antique—No, I'm not going to Mrs. Whitelair's reception. Miss Budd—Why not? "Oh, she always talks about old times, and that makes me tired. I don't see how you can stand her." "But, my dear, her subject is new to most of us, you know."—New York Weekly.

Grimes—The parson said to-day that cast your bread upon the waters, and it will return after many days. What do you think of that? Burns—I think that's the difference between bread and umbrellas. When they go they go for good.—Boston Transcript.

A Vengeful Thought—"In some future year," said the citizen with a powerful imagination, "the human race will find the sun extinct. That once glowing orb will cease to shed its rays upon our world. Then what'll we do?" "What shall we do?" echoed the morose man. "That isn't the question. What will the fœmen do?"—Washington Star.

At the Yildiz Kiosk—Grand Vizier—These Bulgarian affairs are beginning to look rather ominous. We'd better go rather slow. O Fragrant Monarch, or we'll be getting ultimatum again, as we did a few years ago. The Sultan—They cannot come any too soon. I shall promulgate an trade to the effect that all ultimatums henceforth sent into the country shall bear a revenue stamp.—Puck.

HIGH LIGHTS.

Moonlight nights are too bright for burglars and for lovers.

A suspicious nature suspects other people of being suspicious.

Half the misery in the world comes from our having too little courage or too much.

Soome women live on excitement and some live on getting up excitement for others.

The pessimist likes torrid weather because he knows the optimists are getting their share.

As a man grows older he gets just as contradictory and obstinate as he was young.

An intellectual woman is one who won't take care of any other woman's poodle while the other woman goes away on a summer trip.—Chicago Record.

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